

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
March 16, 2006

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 16, 2006.

The following members were present: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Dr. Dorothy Nelson and Mr. George Walker. **Members Absent:** Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Lawrence Warren, Mrs. Brenda Yonge and Ms. Veldore Young.

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Ms. Debbie Borgman, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Mr. Ray Smith and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guest present: Dr. Vivian Presley – Coahoma Community College; Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL); Ms. Louanne Langston – USA Funds; and Ms. Wendy Hutchins – Sallie Mae.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Ms. Louanne Langston with USA Funds thanked Mr. Walker and the Board for the opportunity to address the group. Ms. Langston began by explaining that USA Funds has served Mississippi as its designated guarantor of federal education loans since 1994. As Mississippi's designated guarantor, USA Funds links colleges, universities, career colleges, private lenders, students and parents to promote financial access to college. USA Funds supports critical education-loan services, including loan-application processing, customer assistance, and default prevention and recovery, as well as policy guidance and training of school and lender staff. USA Funds works with Mississippi schools and lenders to help reduce student loan default rates. During the last 10 years, Mississippi's default rate has dropped more than 71 percent.

USA Funds is the nation's leading education-loan guarantor. A nonprofit corporation, USA Funds works to enhance postsecondary education preparedness, access and success by providing and supporting financial and other valued services.

In closing, Ms. Langston asked for Board support in their individual communities to identify groups, such as faith-based institutions, community affiliations, etc., that would be willing to create partnerships to help students make college a reachable goal. Informational material was provided and is included as "Exhibit F" of the March 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

Ms. Debbie Borgman briefly reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

1. **Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement** as of February 28, 2006, from Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,563,982 and from Fund 4110 in the amount of \$50,662, with a combined total of \$2,614,644, shown as "Finance Attachments 1" of the March 17, 2006, meeting minutes.
2. A report on the **House and Senate Versions of Senate Bill 3022 (Administration)**

and Senate Bill 3023 (CJC Support), shown as "Finance Attachments 2a – 2d" of the March 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

3. **Purchasing Approvals for the following:**

Cisco SmartNet Maintenance – Venture Technologies	\$ 25,520.00
Plato Software Maintenance Renewal for ABE	\$ 45,000.00
Modification to IHL MARIS Technical Center Contract	\$ 40,000.00
Contract with MSU Research & Curriculum Unit	\$ 33,400.00

Details of each requested approval are shown as "Finance Attachment 3a – 3d" of the March 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

4. **Financial Statements** for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of February 28, 2006, are shown as "Finance Attachment 4" of the March 17, 2006, meeting minutes.

Dr. Randall Bradberry reminded the Board that they are responsible for appointing four (4) members to the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation (MHEAC). The term of membership for Dr. Vivian Presley (Coahoma Community College) will expire on May 1, 2006 and Dr. Starkey Morgan who has retired (Holmes Community College) is no longer eligible. The attached correspondence (Exhibit C) recommends that the Board reappoint Dr. Presley and appoint Dr. Phil Sutphin (East Central Community College) to serve for the upcoming MHEAC term.

A final copy of the *Education Broadband Service Long-Term De Facto Lease Agreement* between the Mississippi EdNet Institute and Clearwire Spectrum Holdings, LLC, is attached for the Board review; see "Exhibit B". There have been no substantial changes to the agreement since it was reviewed and tentatively approved by the Board at the February 17, 2006, meeting. Provided that the contract is approved in its final form, Mr. Walker will be asked to sign the agreement at the March 17, 2006 meeting.

Dr. Stonecypher reminded the Board of the group portrait to be taken at 8:30 a.m. March 17, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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